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The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re:

MB Docket No. 14-90

Applications of AT&T, Inc. and DIRECTV for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses & Authorizations

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Florida Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, and encourages the Federal Communications Commission to approve it.

The Florida Chamber, our goal is to secure Florida's future through private-sector job growth and by making our state more competitive. Florida's business community is united in the effort to secure a more prosperous future for our state, and to that end have developed a long-term strategic plan. Innovation and business development is a key part of that plan, because competitiveness and prosperity in the 21st century will be based upon technology, knowledge, and innovation.

Many communities and businesses have benefited from the increased economic development opportunities that occur with widespread access to enhanced Internet connectivity. This resource helps to create more opportunities for businesses and families through jobs and economic growth. Modern Internet service also helps businesses compete, not only locally but also globally. Additionally, reliable connectivity is an essential customer service and professional networking tool.

However, even today, too many people, businesses and communities do not have access to the speeds and bandwidth needed to for today's competitive economy. AT&T, one of Florida's top corporate citizens, is committed to offering new, competitive choices for consumer options upon approval of this merger. AT&T has committed to expanding access to high-speed Internet service to millions of customer locations, predominantly in rural and underserved areas.

With six million more people coming to Florida by 2030, expanded access to the latest Internet technology will help achieve greater opportunity, enhanced productivity, and increased business development for all Floridians. I encourage you to approve the AT&T and DIRECTV merger. Thank you for your consideration.

My best,

Mark Wilson

President and CEO

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cc: Eric Silagy, Chairman, Florida Chamber Board of Directors